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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Taylor Fusinatto on being
4 nominated for the 2015 iCon Knowledge Builder Award; and

5 WHEREAS, Taylor Fusinatto is currently the middle school
6 science teacher and Department Chair at Dr. Bessie Rhodes
7 School of Global Studies with Evanston/Skokie School District
8 65; she is an exceptional teacher who strives to bring science
9 to life through real-world connections; and

10 WHEREAS, Taylor Fusinatto is constantly seeking to provide
11 her students with access to new technologies; she established
12 the first Stellar Girls after-school STEM engineering program
13 in the district; Stellar Girls introduces girls in grades 3
14 through 8 to current, interesting "Big Ideas" in STEM fields;
15 through weekly hands-on program activities, girls explore how
16 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are used to
17 feed, fuel, heal, and save the world; participants also have
18 the opportunity to interact with STEM professionals to learn
19 about STEM careers, apply STEM skills to real-world problems,
20 and employ critical-thinking skills through collaborative
21 inquiry; the program will be entering its third year, engaging
22 girls in inquiry-based engineering projects that merge content
23 with ingenuity; and

1 WHEREAS, Taylor Fusinatto has worked on educator
2 ambassador programs with NASA and the EPA; she has presented on
3 nanotechnology labs adapted for middle school students at the
4 Illinois State CONNECTIONS conference and on literacy
5 strategies in the content areas at the Illinois Reading Council
6 Conference; and

7 WHEREAS, Taylor Fusinatto participated in a materials
8 science and nanotechnology workshop at the University of
9 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and acted as a research assistant
10 on a nano-drug delivery system for chemotherapeutic medicine at
11 the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

12 WHEREAS, Taylor Fusinatto graduated summa cum laude from
13 Loyola University-Chicago; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Taylor Fusinatto on being nominated for the 2015
17 iCon Knowledge Builder Award; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Taylor Fusinatto as an expression of our esteem
20 and respect.